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J. Claims

2. Free Throws With Sole is a method that teaches basketball players to maintain their center of gravity which stabilizes their lower and upper bodies shooting free throws hence improving their shooting

Free Throws With Sole brings together a concept and fundamental new to free throw shooting where the body maintains a linear path and the feet from heel to toe remain in contact with the floor -past years and present day free throw shooters all had and have upper body lean both forward and backward with the heels of the feet lifting off the floor and bending at the waist producing instability

The method is taught with the hips dropping downward in a straight line bending only at the knees and not at the waist thereby maintaining stability – when the knees extend the body will stay in a linear path upward before the release of the shot

The method also requires a slower pace downward when bending the knees to create resistance like doing a push-up with the arms which enables more muscles to become active thereby creating additional linear strength upward with the extension of the

knees – this upward linear path provides the elbow with increased mobility and less effort in shooting

The method provides for greater friction between the supporting surface and the parts of the body in contact with it for a more stable body

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Claim 4 – subject for consideration based solely on method(Stability)

Free Throws With Sole is a **method of stability** whereby the **feet stay grounded** to the floor and the **body remains upright** without any devices used but *taught only with proper body movements*